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Liepert seeking to fix ties with oilpatch

TORIES Just ahead of the release of a report that could spur changes to Alberta's contentious royalty framework, the province's new energy minister says he knows he's going to have to work to win back support from Calgary's oilpatch elite.

Ron Liepert admitted Thursday that relations are strained between the Tories and the oilpatch.

"There has been a loss of trust, I certainly have made no bones about it," he said.

"I'm not going to deny that there isn't lashing out going on out there."

Premier Ed Stelmach shuffled his cabinet Wednesday in the face of his party's sagging popularity in the polls, especially in Calgary. Liepert was shifted into energy from health, where he had a controversial run over cutting mental-health beds and other services.

The premier reached out Thursday to the energy industry, saying he expects Liepert to set up an office in Calgary, as well as wine and dine oilpatch CEOs at the exclusive Petroleum and Ranchmen's clubs.

"This is an industry that will help carry Alberta out of the recession," he said.

Liepert promised to immediately get to work, evaluating the province's competitiveness review, expected to be handed over to cabinet in a few weeks.

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Gladys Louis Jeune is pulled alive from the rubble of her home on Thursday in Port-au-Prince, nearly 43 hours after Tuesday's earthquake, where she is greeted by her ecstatic daughter. **More coverage, pages 5, 10**

Canada kicks off help

Emergency supplies, aid starting to arrive in Haiti

Haiti Crisis

Canada launched a Haitian aid-and-rescue campaign by air, sea and land Thursday, evacuating scores of desperate earthquake survivors and sending in tons of supplies and a disaster-response team to the beleaguered country.

The humanitarian effort ramped up amid the sobering news that an RCMP officer was found dead in the rubble of his home in the capital Port-au-Prince.

Sgt. Mark Gallagher is the

Evacuees

• Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon said 100 Canadian evacuees were taken to the neighbouring Dominican Republic. They were to arrive in Montreal Friday morning.

fourth Canadian confirmed killed in Tuesday's devastating quake, along with an Ontario nurse and a couple from Montreal. At least four others are missing, including another Mountie.

Officials fear 50,000 people may have died in the

quake and up to three million — a third of the country's population — may need emergency aid. Thousands of buildings have been flattened, including the parliament, hospitals, a prison and the UN headquarters.

A Canadian C-130 military transport and a huge C-17 touched down in Port-au-Prince, carrying a helicopter, emergency supplies and members of the military's Disaster Assistance Response Team. A DART reconnaissance unit, along with a team of federal officials, has been in Haiti since

Wednesday assessing what help and supplies are needed most.

In Halifax, a pair of Canadian warships set sail for Haiti, loaded with everything from a helicopter to chainsaws, medical supplies, construction materials and water purification tablets.

HMCS Halifax and HMCS Athabaskan are due to arrive early next week. Many of the 500 crew members are expected to help search through collapsed buildings, remove rubble and supply basic provisions.

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INJURY Police are investigating after a pedestrian was struck by a car Thursday morning and was sent to hospital with serious, non-life threatening injuries. The young woman was crossing Bow Bottom Trail at 137th Avenue SE when she was struck, according to police.

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**ReadOn! with Hitmen**

The Calgary Hitmen are celebrating their 10th ReadOn! Literacy for Life launch today with the Calgary Board of Education. The Hitmen will be visiting schools today and encouraging kids to read, giving autographs and even playing a floor hockey game and enjoying lunch. Over 300,000 books have been given to young kids through the program.

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Racers' schedules 'on hold'

Calgary, Race City still in contract talks as deadline nears

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Race City Speedway has a busy season planned — tentatively, that is.

Although there have been ongoing talks between the city and Race City, an agreement hasn't been reached yet and the deadline is March 31, according to owner Art Mackenzie.

"I'm still hopeful we reach something in time. We have a busy schedule ahead, if it exists. There hasn't been a lot of progress, but we're in talks," he said.

After council extended the lease on the city's only race facility, city administration initially wanted to increase the cost of the lease 3,000 per cent, Mackenzie said.

"But I think we might be able to get it lower than that, but the question is coming to an agreement on something reasonable."

Calgary Oval Racing Association (CORA) president

Race City Speedway is set to open for another full year of activities, but it still has to overcome a contract hurdle with the city in order to put race plans in full gear.

Chris Paavola said planning for a season when its fate is hanging on the hinges is challenging.

"We have a lot of plans, but it's really tough not knowing. Everything is on hold until Race City tells us we are racing," he said,

adding CORA will be holding a fundraiser and have a booth at the upcoming World of Wheels event.

"Those are the only things we know for sure."

Ward 12 Ald. Ric McIver has been advocating for the raceway to stay in Cal-

gary and hopes an agreement can be reached as soon as possible.

"I still want to see a decision reached and I just encourage both sides to keep negotiating," he said. "I think the city will benefit from Race City staying."

Province gives U of C \$8M to train family doctors

"This new funding will allow us to hire more family doctors to train graduating medical students as full family physicians."

Dr. Cathy MacLean, University of Calgary

ing will allow us to hire more family doctors to train graduating medical students as full family physicians. It'll also continue to build the role of family medicine at the medical

school and increase student interest in this as a career choice."

But the U of C says by 2013, the goal is to have 50 per cent of graduates choosing a family practice

for a career.

There are currently about 4,000 family doctors in Alberta, but it's estimated another 1,000 are needed. In Calgary alone, one in four residents does not have a family doctor.

The funding will be used to train more students and physicians in family medicine, create five new faculty positions and support research.

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Relay woman's 'new lease on life'

YWCA Olympic torchbearer 'honoured' as abuse left in dust

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Leaving her husband after 17 years of abuse two years ago was half the battle.

Moving on was the other half — but now a Calgary woman has been given the chance to run with the Olympic torch and share

her successes with the city.

On Monday night, friends and staff of the YWCA will be cheering Danielle Kelly on as she takes the torch running as the RBC Olympic torchbearer with a "new lease on life."

"I feel very honoured and privileged to have been chosen but I don't feel different or more special than anyone else," she said.

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Celebrating YWCA's 100th year during the run, Kelly said she hopes other women can also break free from their abusive relationships and move on with their lives.

"Life can go on in a positive way and there are people out there who can help," she added.

RBC chose YWCA as its torchbearer and YWCA in turn chose Kelly, according to YWCA's Arlene Adamson.

"Our clients' personal stories ... are about overcoming immense adversity and beating the odds," she said.

"Like our athletes, their successes deserve to be brought to light."



Kevin Mouck helps set up hot tub displays in preparation for the Calgary Home Expo happening at the BMO Centre this weekend.

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Do-it-yourselfers will find inspiration at home show

EXPO While many industries took a hit during the recession, home renovations are still going strong, according to a Home Expo 2010 official.

Running Friday until Sunday, the Home Expo 2010 is the first home show of the year and spokesperson Rick Young expects up to 25,000 visitors for the popular home renovations show.

"Home renovations is something people are still interested in and spending money in, and we're the first show of the year. We definitely have something for everyone," Young said.

Young says homeowners and contractors will enjoy the show alike, and there are many new tiles, cabinets, flooring, wall colours and much more to choose

All weekend

- The show runs until Sunday at the BMO Centre at Stampede Park.

from.

"I think after the long winter people have been thinking about the things they need and are anxious to get out and check out what's new."

Leigh Anne said she is excited to check out the show because it's the first home show she is attending after starting her own home decor business.

"I want to learn as much as I can and checking out a show like this will let me see a lot of different things in one place," she said.

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Death recorded on cell: Cop

TESTIMONY The last 126 seconds of Sarah Rae's life were recorded on a cellphone that belongs to the man who is on trial accused of killing her.

Travis Martel, 36, is charged with second-degree murder in Calgary for the Aug. 3, 2008, stabbing death of his girlfriend.

Martel originally told police that he had gone for a walk on the night of his girlfriend's death and returned home to find her dead in their bed.

He later insisted that the stabbing was an accident, which was triggered when she attacked him with a knife.

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News in brief

FUNDING Two Calgary arenas will be given a \$500,000 cash injection towards renovations by the Federal government. Father David Bauer and Norma Bush will replace roofs and install new heating and cooling systems as part of the renovations. The total tab is expected to hit \$1.5 million.

INTRUDER Police are reminding Calgarians to lock their

windows and doors at night after a woman awoke to a home intruder early Thursday morning in the city's southwest. The woman called police when a man entered her home in the 2400 block of 2 St. SW around 3:30 a.m. wearing all dark clothing. The suspect is between 30 to 40 years old and about six feet tall.

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DART back in the spotlight

The devastation in Haiti has propelled Canada's military disaster response team back into the national spotlight, but also raises questions about a longstanding Conservative promise to expand the emergency force. Known by its acronym DART, the team and its humanitarian work have languished publicly in the shadow of the Afghan war. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Feds tab \$50M for Haiti relief

The federal government is earmarking up to \$50 million to match Canadians' donations to charities aiding relief efforts in earthquake-ravaged Haiti. Minister of International Co-operation Bev Oda, left, said Thursday morning the government will match the contributions of individuals to eligible Canadian charitable organizations in support of humanitarian and recovery efforts in response to the earthquake, up to a total of \$50 million. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Feds look at immigration

Applicants from Haiti may get fast-tracked into Canada

Haiti Crisis

The federal government is looking at ways to make it easier for Haitians to come to Canada as immigrants or refugees, in response to the devastating earthquake in the Caribbean country.

Options include waiving fees, speeding up applications for family reunification, and perhaps even relaxing the definition of who can be included in reunification.

"The minister of immigration has been discussing these matters and we will have announcements in the not-too-distant future," Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Thursday.

"Our priority right now, as you know, is obviously to get relief efforts — search and rescue in particular — on the ground. That is happening."

A spokesman for Immigration Minister Jason Kenney said Harper asked Kenney "to quickly look at all options on the issue of visas, family reunification, and refugees."

Kenney talked Thursday with federal and provincial officials to narrow down the options.

Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon said Ottawa is working closely with Quebec's immigration minister, Yolande James, to make sure both levels of government are on the same wavelength. Quebec is the primary destination



Canadian Master Cpl. Mike Lehman guards the Canadian Forces Globemaster on its arrival in Port-au-Prince, Haiti Thursday. Canada's aid and rescue effort in earthquake-ravaged Haiti is kicking into high gear, with the evacuation of scores of desperate people and the arrival of military transport planes packed with tons of supplies and a disaster response team.

More development funds called for

- Long before he disappeared Tuesday beneath the rubble of Haiti's United Nations headquarters, Hedi Annabi delivered a simple message to the Conservative government: spend more development dollars to prevent the poor Caribbean country from backsliding into anarchy. Annabi,

the head of the UN mission in Haiti, personally delivered that message to federal cabinet ministers 13 months ago on a visit to Ottawa. With Annabi feared to be dead beneath the crumbled UN compound in Port-au-Prince, others are now giving voice to his call for more long-term assistance to Haiti.

change allowed about 1,600 Sri Lankans and 400 Filipinos to reunite with their families more quickly, according to the Immigration Department.

Ottawa could easily and quickly fast-track Haitian applications, said one expert.

"There's no reason why this can't at the very least

be quickly put into place," said Nicole LaViolette, law professor at the University of Ottawa.

Kenney should also consider waiving application fees, she said, since Haiti is so poor.

But simply speeding up the application process does not necessarily mean more Haitians will qualify to come to Canada, warned Audrey Macklin, law professor at the University of Toronto.

In order to make sure Haitians benefit from the changes Ottawa makes, officials should also relax their demands for proof of family ties and good health, she said.

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Canadians open wallets for aid funds

Haiti Crisis

DONATIONS Millions of dollars were pouring in to Canadian aid agencies Thursday for disaster relief in earthquake-crushed Haiti — so much that their web servers teetered on the brink of collapse.

The overwhelming response prompted the Minister of National Revenue to advise Canadians to make sure they donate wisely.

"Canadians have opened their hearts and their wallets in the wake of the terrible tragedy in Haiti," said Jean-Pierre Blackburn.

"Sadly, there are some who would exploit the generosity of Canadians."

Blackburn suggested Canadians who wish to donate should check the Canada Revenue Agency

website at cra.gc.ca for information on how to be an informed donor.

Kieran Green of the Humanitarian Coalition, which includes Care Canada, Oxfam Canada, Oxfam Quebec and Save the Children, said the donations were "quite literally overwhelming."

"The company that does our online donations has said that they have already had a couple of servers go down from the volume of the response," Green said early Thursday.

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Haitian community worries about family back home

Haiti Crisis

ANXIETY Canada's foreign minister has wandered into the heart of this country's Haitian community, where fear is at a fever pitch.

The growing desperation was evident during Lawrence Cannon's visit to a community centre in Montreal North, with Haitian-Canadians anxiously

seeking news about loved ones.

Cannon met with about a dozen community representatives to reassure them that the federal government was doing everything it could. But that did little to calm anxieties.

One sobbing woman told reporters she couldn't get any news about her missing father, and about the four-year-old sister she is working to raise.

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Program tells the world what you buy

Welcome to the new frontier of social networking, which asks for your credit card number, banking information and any online shopping passwords you've accumulated.

It's called Blippy and after a beta-testing period it's now gone live to the world, offering to publicly broadcast all your purchases for everyone to see.

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Blippy markets itself as a "fun and easy way to see and discuss the things people are buying." The U.S. site's owners insist their high-tech encryption will protect your data from being stolen or reused.

Despite its eyebrow-raising concept, thousands of users have signed up for it and Twitter CEO Evan Williams is reportedly among the investors who

Blippy purchase list

- One of the trail-blazing Canadians on Blippy posted a \$9.02 purchase from HomeSense, and then elaborated that it was a wine decanter. The \$2.25 he spent at Laura Secord was for a chocolate apple and the \$16.94 at Toys Toys Toys was for a teddy bear.

have bought into the idea.

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A Blippy post doesn't reveal exactly what was bought but lists the business where the purchase was made and how much was spent. But more detail can be shared in the comment area of each purchase.

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Suspending Parliament hurting Harper, poll says

POPULARITY Prime Minister Stephen Harper is paying a price for underestimating opposition to his decision to suspend Parliament, a new poll suggests.

The Canadian Press Harris-Decima survey indicates Harper's personal popularity has taken a nosedive and his party's lead over the Liberals has been sliced almost in half. Harper

And contrary to Harper's assertion that prorogation of Parliament is a routine procedural matter of little interest to Canadians, the poll suggests a majority believes Parliament is "in crisis," as opposed to its suspension and suspicious of Harper's motives.

"He has really squan-



dered some significant, if not goodwill, certainly respect that he'd been able to garner managing his way through the economic crisis," Harris-Decima chairman Allan Gregg said Thursday.

The prospects for Harper's Conservatives might be much worse but for the fact that Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff remains the least popular federal leader and has so far been unable to gain much mileage out of Harper's miscalculation.

"If the game of Canadian politics is a little tighter today, it's only because Mr. Harper has scored on his own net," Gregg summed up.

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Youth worker pleads guilty to assaults

REGINA A man who worked at a Regina youth centre has pleaded guilty to sexually assaulting children over a 15-year period.

Ronald Sawa made a brief appearance in a Regina court Thursday where he admitted assaulting nine young men between 1974 and 1989. Sawa pleaded

guilty to four counts of sexual assault and five counts of indecent assault.

The 60-year-old sat quietly as the charges were read aloud and simply said "guilty" each of the nine times he was asked for a plea. Thirty other charges were stayed.

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Olympic anxiety starting to creep in

UrbanCompass

Paul Sullivan

While the rest of the country is having a great time moving the Olympic torch across the frosty landscape, in Vancouver we're wringing our hands in the rain.

With less than a month to go before they light the torch at BC Place, the host citizens have a bad case of Olympic Anxiety.

The condition is probably endemic to any host city suffering from Olympic information overload, but we have a pretty severe case. The primary symptom appears to be an exaggerated and unrealistic personal sense of responsibility for the success of the Games.

While the barons of the IOC whiz around in police-escorted motorcades eating caviar, we're doing the worrying for them:

What if it's too warm and the downhill racers have to dodge daffodils?

What if NBC doesn't make a profit? Will we all be required to watch Conan O'Brien at 2 in the morning to boost the ratings?

What if there's an earthquake and the Richmond Oval sinks into a bog?

What if scalpers buy all

Editor's note

- Janice Paskey's Urban Compass column will return next week.

the tickets to the good events and the rest of us have to make do with events like Combined Gridlock or Dead-end Transit?

Etc. I'm sure it just seems that way, but every minute, there's another acid-reflux producing bulletin from the front. The current crisis

seems to be the weather, which is just perfect because there's absolutely nothing we can do about it.

But there's something particularly unnerving about Cypress Mountain staff scrambling to scrape snow off the parking lots to patch all the brown spots on the mountain so the freestyle skiers don't crash on the rocks.

The actual Games can't get here fast enough, as I'm not sure we'll make it until Feb. 12, when ski jumping

(men only) begins. No doubt, it will go like clockwork.

But ... what if the roof deflates on BC Place and the rain extinguishes the Olympic torch during the opening ceremonies, causing the musicians pretending to play to scurry for shelter while the music continues to play anyway? In front of a worldwide TV audience? Could happen. Just saying.

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Views

Global positioning systems put to the test

Marketplace

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This past Christmas, one of the hottest gadgets going was the global positioning system (GPS). It's a handy device. But it turns out those great gadgets aren't always safe. At Marketplace, we've learned that programming a GPS on the road can be dangerous.

With the help of Durham Regional Police, we blocked off a stretch of road near Toronto and asked drivers

to find directions on their portable navigators. Transportation engineer Paul Green, from the University of Michigan's Transportation Research Institute, conducted the test while we recorded every move.

Green says drivers shouldn't look away from the road for more than two seconds at a time. "Every time you look away, that's another time period that you've lost a sense of what's happening while driving." But in our test, drivers trying to program the GPS took their eyes off the road for much longer — one looks away for seven seconds!

So just how many people actually program while they drive? Marketplace

commissioned the first poll of its kind in Canada and discovered that almost half of all drivers surveyed (47 per cent) program their GPS while driving.

That's not allowed in Ontario or B.C. anymore, but police say drivers are still doing it. York Regional Police Sgt. Edmond Villamere says a lot of drivers just don't think programming a GPS is as dangerous as texting. "You're still pressing buttons with your hands," he says. "Your hands aren't on the wheel and your attention isn't on the road."

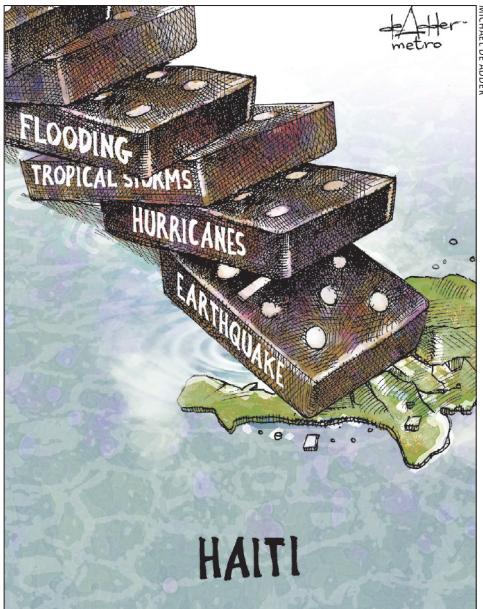
Green says manufacturers should design portable GPS devices so they can't be programmed while a car is in motion — just like most

GPS's built right into a vehicle.

But that doesn't fly with Steve Koenig with the Consumer Electronics Association in Arlington, Va. He says drivers should take responsibility behind the wheel. "If a consumer is operating a vehicle ... unsafely," says Koenig, "their excuses are their own."

Tell that to the family of Shannon Bentley. The Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., woman was killed by a driver distracted by his GPS. They tell their exclusive story on Marketplace tonight.

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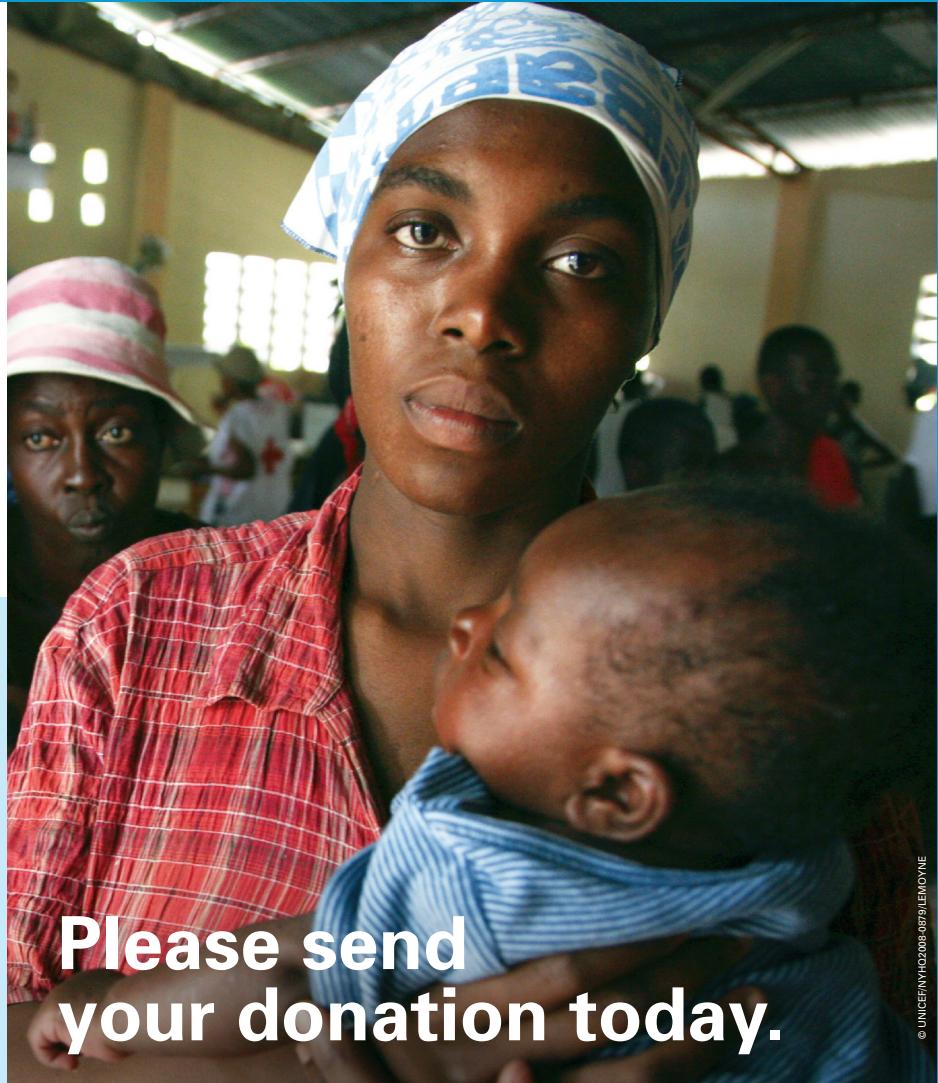
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Dominican fears economic aftershocks

The Dominican Republic emerged unscathed from the massive earthquake that ravaged the capital of Haiti, but the popular tourist destination is likely to feel social and economic aftershocks, experts warn. Some familiar with the two countries that share the island of Hispaniola fear the quake could exacerbate long-standing racial tensions, tax limited governmental resources and discourage snowbirds from seeking refuge at the Dominican's beaches and resorts.

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U.S. takes charge in aid efforts

Haiti Crisis

U.S. President Barack Obama and the United States moved to take charge in earthquake-ravaged Haiti on Thursday, dispatching thousands of troops along with tons of aid to try to keep order as well as rescue the suffering in a country dysfunctional at the best of times.

Tested by the first large-scale humanitarian disaster of his presidency, Obama ordered a relief effort of historic proportions despite the strains it was sure to put on both the stretched American budget and military forces fighting two wars.

He pledged an initial \$100 million US, with the likelihood of more later.

Aware of the steep political cost George W. Bush paid for an ineffective response to Hurricane Katrina's destruction of much of New Orleans, La., the Obama White House has laboured to show intensive engagement by the president since immediately after the 7.0-magnitude quake struck the impoverished island on Tuesday.

Details of evening Situation Room meetings, phone calls with world leaders and cancelled events were being released almost hourly.

"I will not put up with any excuses for us not doing the very best in this time of tragedy," Obama pledged, making his third public comments on the topic in two days.

The government of Haitian President René Preval



Cindy Terasme screams after seeing the feet of her dead 14-year-old brother in the rubble of a collapsed school Thursday.

was severely disabled, with the president's own residences damaged and the parliament building col-

lapsed along with other ministries and departments.

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Relief supplies begin reaching Port-au-Prince

Haiti Crisis

He stood, held up a fist in celebration, and was helped off to a hospital.

Planes from Canada, China, France, Spain and the United States landed at Port-au-Prince's airport, carrying searchers and tons of water, food, medicine and other supplies — with more promised from around the globe for the Western Hemisphere's poorest nation, where the international Red Cross estimated three million people may need emergency relief.

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Michelle Obama reflects on the highs and lows of her first year in the White House.
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POR-TAU-PRINCE Crews rescued a security guard Thursday from the UN headquarters building that collapsed in the Haiti earthquake, "a small miracle" as 36 U.N. personnel were confirmed dead and nearly 200 remained missing, the head of the world body said. Secretary-General Ban Ki-

moon said mission chief Hedi Annabi and his chief deputy, Luis Carlos da Costa, are still missing.

PARIS France has suspended expelling illegal immigrants from Haiti in the wake of the massive earthquake, the country's immigration minister said Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'No break. No chance,' for poor in Haiti

CRISIS Haiti's limitless poverty and hardship have long drawn aid groups and charities. Now the same people who tried to do good before the earthquake find themselves trapped in the rubble, out of touch with their loved ones and strug-

gling to carry on their missions. The head of the Roman Catholic Church in Haiti was killed. Thirty-six United Nations workers were killed; scores more are missing or trapped in their collapsed headquarters. Missionaries, students, doc-

tors and others are missing or out of contact.

"This earthquake is really too much," said the Rev. Duken Augustin, a Roman Catholic priest said in an email from his home in Cap Haïtien.

"No break. No chance. We

will have to deal with new needs, new sufferings, new situation of hunger, new despair, new devastation."

"It's unbelievable," said Jeff Gacek, HealingHaiti's director. "It's literally hell on earth."

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Suicide attack kills 20

A suicide bomber killed 20 people — including three children — Thursday in a market in central Afghanistan. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Man kept harem: Cops

Charges allege Israeli man fathered 37 kids with 17 women

An Israeli man who kept a cult-like harem of women and fathered dozens of children with them has been arrested on suspicion of enslavement, rape and incest, police said Thursday.

Police say Goel Ratzon kept 17 women in a state of near-total obedience in at least three apartments in the Tel Aviv area.

Spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said they bore him 37 children, some of whom were born to his own daughters.

Ratzon, a self-described healer about 60 years old with flowing white locks and a bushy white beard, controlled the women's money and sometimes

abused them if they dared to challenge his control, police alleged.

Authorities have investigated Ratzon before, but did not find enough evidence to charge him. A recent law against human trafficking opened the door to pursue enslavement charges, Rosenfeld said. A documentary about Ratzon that aired on Israel's Channel 10 last year said he kept 32 women and 89 children in his apartments. The TV documentary showed women with

tattoos of his name and face on their bodies, in almost angelic portrayals. Many of the children's names included his own first name. He was quoted as saying the women lived with him un-

der their own free will, and it showed pictures of them combing his hair and feeding him. Some of the women told the station that he had rescued them from difficult circumstances.

The children have been turned over to welfare authorities, and some of the women have been released, police said.

As many as 10 women were living in one three-bedroom apartment with 16 children, Rosenfeld said.

All the apartments were dark, filthy and rundown, and the women and children's movements inside were monitored by Ratzon from a separate apartment he kept, he said.

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Turkey A big hand for contrast



He Pingping holds the finger of Sultan Kosen, during an event organized by Guinness World Records in Istanbul Thursday. The towering Turk, Kosen, is the tallest man walking the planet with a height of eight feet one inch, and He, of China, is the world's shortest man with a height of two feet five inches.

Protesters halt pig experiment

AUSTRIA Vehement protests from animal activists Thursday prompted scientists to temporarily stop an avalanche experiment that involved burying pigs in snow and monitoring their deaths. The experiment was trying to determine what factors make it possible for humans to survive an avalanche in an air pocket until rescued without suffering permanent brain damage. Hermann Brugger, co-director of the experiment led by the Institute of Mountain Emergency Medicine, asserted the pigs didn't suffer because they were sedated and given an anesthetic beforehand.

But activists called it cruel and pointless.

"It is absolutely unacceptable that these highly sensitive, helpless animals are killed for such an unnecessary test," said Johanna Stadler, head of the group Four Paws.

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Sully, passengers to toast on Hudson

NEW YORK Months after the crash, Doreen Welsh had a panic attack when she inhaled a little water in the shower. Anastasia Sosa no longer finds swimming fun — it feels too much like survival training. And Jorge Morgado can't bring himself to get back on a plane.

A year after the 155 people aboard the crippled US Airways Flight 1549 survived a splash-landing on New York's frigid Hudson River, some are suffering the psychological aftereffects of their terrifying descent and harrowing evacuation.

"It was a real breaking point for me."

Anastasia Sosa

"It was a real breaking point for me," said Sosa, who believed her husband and two young children would die with her.

In what became known as the Miracle on the Hudson, Capt. Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger ditched his Airbus A320 in the river on Jan. 15, 2009, after a collision with a flock of birds disabled the aircraft's en-

gines. On Friday, the anniversary, Sullenberger and some of the survivors will take a boat out to the place where they were pulled, soaked and freezing, from the water, and at the moment of impact they will raise their glasses in a toast.

Returning to the river won't be easy for Welsh. One of three flight attendants on Flight 1549, she remembers being seconds away from drowning as water gushed into the rear of the aircraft, reaching all the way to her chin.

Even now, she is afraid of water. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Some British police officers have been reprimanded after they used their riot shields as sleds during the country's cold snap. A passer-by filmed the bobbies goofing around on a snowy hill in Oxford and posted the clip on YouTube. It shows a policeman barreling downhill while another shouts, "Whatever happens, keep smiling!" THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Weapons inspector charged

A longtime UN weapons inspector who blamed a 2001 sex-sting arrest on his criticism of the Iraq war has again been charged in an online child-sex case, and this time he was caught on camera.

Scott Ritter, 48, of Delmar, New York, engaged in a sexually graphic online chat with an undercover police officer posing as a 15-year-old girl nearly a year ago, police in northeastern Pennsylvania said.

He then turned on a webcam and masturbated on camera, they charged.

Monroe County authorities traced the exchange to Ritter through a cellphone number he provided, and confirmed the match

through photographs, according to a police affidavit.

Charges were filed in November and the Pocono Record revealed Ritter's involvement on Thursday.

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News in brief

HONDURAS A Honduran judge on Thursday charged the country's top military commanders with abuse of power for exiling President Manuel Zelaya in June. Honduran Supreme Court President Jorge Rivera has ordered all six members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to re-

main in the country and testify in court next week. The charge carries a sentence of three to six years in prison. Last week, Honduras' chief prosecutor asked the Supreme Court to issue arrest warrants charging the top military commanders with abuse of power.

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Attorney general talks on mortgage fraud

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Business

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Mergers to rise: Execs

Acquisition activity will pick up, say officials

Top Canadian bank executives say merger and acquisition activity in their industry will pick up again as uncertainty about global banking regulations is resolved.

M&A activity in the sector has been hampered by fears that the rules will be changed dramatically in response to the 2009 credit crisis, which has been largely blamed on reckless lending, particularly in the United States.

U.S. President Barack Obama is pushing to recover the public money used to bail out failing banks and insurance firms at the height of the financial crisis. He renewed his call Thursday for a regulatory overhaul of the industry and scolded bankers for

Big five

- Although Canada's Big Five banks generally have much higher capital levels than their American counterparts they have been reluctant to move ahead with any major acquisitions until the new regulations are in place, RBC CEO Gord Nixon said.

opposing the tighter oversight in legislation moving through Congress.

The Canadian banks, while generally avoiding the excesses and resulting calamity that affected major financial institutions in other developed countries, have been cautious about making major deals in such a politically charged environment.

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"The last 12 months has been a difficult period to conclude any kind of transaction with a quality company. Most of the transactions that have been done have been confused by (U.S. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation) involvement and changing rules," Bill Downe, president and CEO of BMO Financial Group, told a banking conference in Toronto.

Downe's counterpart at Royal Bank said it would be "almost irresponsible" for banks to be overly aggressive while they await details about rules from the Basel Committee, an international body based in Switzerland that sets international banking standards.

Diabetes Artificial pancreas



In this product image provided by the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, an experimental artificial pancreas is shown. The device, being developed by the foundation and health-care giant Johnson & Johnson, will soon be tested in diabetes patients, potentially sparing them the hormonal disorder's most dangerous complications and frequent blood sugar checks and insulin injections.

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Business in brief

TESTING Technology allowing cosmetic makers to test for allergic reactions to their products without controversial animal trials is in the works and could be in use by next year.

TAXES Mindful of soaring deficits and an anti-Wall Street

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Baseball owners unanimously ratified a five-year contract with umpires on Thursday. The deal, expected to be ratified by umpires on Monday, would remove a ban on umpires appearing in consecutive World Series, according to a person with knowledge of the agreement. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Sports



Canadian goes fourth in MLS draft

The Kansas City Wizards used the fourth overall pick in Thursday's MLS SuperDraft to take Canadian forward Teal Bunbury, left. Bunbury's father Alex, a Canadian Soccer Hall of Famer, ended his playing career with the Wizards in 1999-2000. The expansion Philadelphia Union opened the draft by taking Oregon State forward Danny Mwanga.

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Fleury files criminal complaint

Legal action taken against former junior coach Graham Jones

Former Calgary Flames star Theo Fleury announced on his website Thursday that he has filed a criminal complaint against his former junior hockey coach Graham James.

Fleury recently alleged in his autobiography that James repeatedly sexually abused him when he was a young player.

"I sought out some good advice from my lawyers and advisers on how to go about dealing with Graham James," Fleury wrote on his website. "I have been reflecting on this a long time.

"I wanted to make the biggest impact on preventing this kind of thing from happening in the future. I have been under fire by certain members of the press, but I have to handle this

matter to best serve the community and my family."

Fleury said no charges have yet been laid and the Winnipeg police force is still investigating the matter.

"Until the investigation is fully complete, I have been instructed to have no further conversations with the press that may jeopardize this police investigation."

James pleaded guilty in 1997 to repeatedly sexually assaulting two teenage players between 1984 and 1995.

James was arrested after Sheldon Kennedy, then an NHL player, came forward with allegations of abuse.

James was eventually convicted in 1997 of abusing Kennedy and one other unnamed player and received three-and-a-half years in jail.

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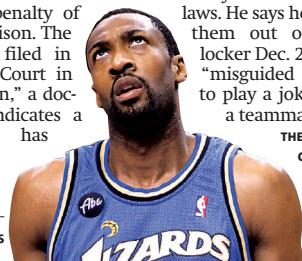
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Arenas charged with felony gun possession

NBA Gilbert Arenas has a court date and an apparent plea deal is in place, signalling a possible quick resolution to at least one side of a guns-in-the-locker-room confrontation that stained the NBA and jeopardized the career of the three-time all-star.

Arenas was charged Thursday with felony gun possession — one count of carrying a pistol without a licence, a crime that carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison. The charges were filed in D.C. Superior Court in an "information," a document that indicates a plea bargain has been reached.

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Drew Brees is among the most prolific regular-season passers the NFL has seen. Kurt Warner has the same credentials for the post-season.

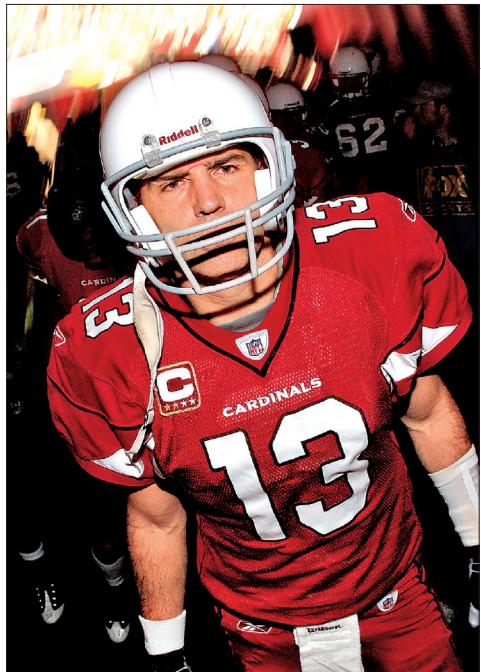
When Brees' Saints and Warner's Cardinals meet Saturday to open the second round of the playoffs, the scoreboard will get a workout. The defences will get dizzy. The announcers might go hoarse.

New Orleans (13-3) scored a league-high 510 points, ninth most in NFL history. Arizona (11-6) had a mere 375, then Warner riddled Green Bay's second-ranked defence for five touchdown passes in a 51-45 wildcard overtime victory — the highest-scoring playoff game ever.

The Superdome could be a danger zone for defenders.

"I know what we're capable of and I know that if you just look at our track record, the last three out of four years we've had the No. 1 offence in the league," Brees said. "That's a body of work. That's not just a stretch of games here and a stretch of games there."

And it is no stretch to expect the top-seeded Saints to light it up Saturday. Sure, they averaged 307.3 yards and 14.6 points in the final three games, all defeats. But they had little



Kurt Warner tossed five touchdown passes in Arizona's 51-45 overtime win over Green Bay last week.

on the line in those contests, and everything is on the line now.

Plus, the bye week helped them heal.

"We know how to play at a high level offensively," Brees said. "The opportunity to get guys healthy — that was huge. We've been banged up at times throughout the season."

So have the Cardinals, and they still are uncertain about the availability of outstanding receiver Anquan Boldin. But they didn't miss him against the

Packers, particularly with Early Doucet emerging to join Larry Fitzgerald and Steve Breaston in a dynamic receiving corps that could cause anyone problems.

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Liverpool to make push without key players

SOCCER Liverpool manager Rafa Benitez's job appears to be safe despite the club's FA Cup elimination by lower-league Reading, but the Spaniard now has to deal with the absence of key players in the push for the Premier League top-four.

Injuries sustained in Wednesday's 2-1 extra time loss will see striker Fernando Torres miss six weeks following surgery on his right knee, midfielder Yossi Benayoun side-

Chelsea

- League leader Chelsea, which holds a one-point lead over Manchester United and has a game in hand, hosts Sunderland on Saturday.

lined for up to a month with a fractured rib and captain Steven Gerrard out for two weeks with a hamstring strain.

Without the key trio,

Benitez must raise the Reds from seventh in the league — five points behind fourth-place Manchester City — starting with a victory at Stoke on Saturday (Setanta Sports Canada, 7:45 a.m. ET).

Finishing in the top four to qualify for next season's Champions League is the priority for Benitez. The FA Cup humiliation has left the Europa League as Liverpool's only likely consolation prize.

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Vancouver Games

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IOC boss
confident
cheaters will
be caught

DOPING IOC president Jacques Rogge is confident that out-of-competition testing and work with Canadian authorities will stamp out drug cheats at the Vancouver Games.

Rogge said Thursday that the lessons of the last two Winter Olympics proved the effectiveness of surprise doping controls and police action when needed.

The same strategy will be used next month in Vancouver, where 2,000 doping tests will be conducted at the Feb. 12-28 Olympics.

"We have a zero-tolerance policy for doping," Rogge said at the International Olympic Committee's headquarters. "We are going to continue our policy of unannounced, out-of-competition testing. This is a weapon to trace the cheats."

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Olympic dreams on the line

'Do or die' performances will decide which skaters head to Vancouver

Field of Play

Scott Russell

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Toronto's Patrick Chan, the world championship silver medallist, who has been less than stellar in this crucial season.

It means Joey Russell of Labrador City, N.L., Shawn Sawyer of Edmundston, N.B., Vaughn Chipeur of Lloydminster, Sask., as well as Kevin Reynolds and Jeremy Ten, both of British Columbia, are in the hunt for a supporting role at Pacific Coliseum come February.

They are only the national championships, but the Canadian Olympic figure skating trials in London, Ont., could be a barnburner.

It's more than just hyperbole to suggest this gathering promises "sudden death" for some Olympic dreams.

There is, in fact, "no tomorrow" and two spots on the Canadian roster will depend on "do or die" performances in each of four disciplines — pairs, dance, ladies and men's singles.

In the men's competition there are at least six skaters with a chance. They come from the far reaches of the country and five are chasing

"With our nationals a few weeks out of the Olympic Games we will have those skaters who are at their best representing us in Vancouver," says Michael Slipchuk. As Skate Canada's high performance director, Slipchuk will have a heavy hand in making the final cuts.

He's well qualified for his job.

At the 1992 Canadian championships in Moncton, N.B., Slipchuk won a surprise title over Elvis Stojko and earned a ticket to his



Shawn Sawyer practises his routine Thursday at the Canadian figure skating championships.

PAUL CHASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

first and only Olympics in Albertville, France, where he placed ninth. That performance cemented the international notion that Canada had tremendous depth in men's skating as the injured Kurt Browning, Stojko and Slipchuk all finished in the top 10.

Slipchuk believes a system of trial by fire is the only way to ensure success at the Games.

"They will have shown the ability to do it when it counts," he said. "And that's exactly what they'll have to do to reach the Olympic podium."

"It's very humbling as one missed element can have you on the outside looking in. You have no margin of error in our sport if you want to be the best."

So that's what to expect in London, and for my mon-

ey there's no more dramatic scenario in all of sport.

At the end of the day, in order to live their dreams, all of these skaters will have to nail a single, required element.

They must stand and deliver.

Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. He has covered professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

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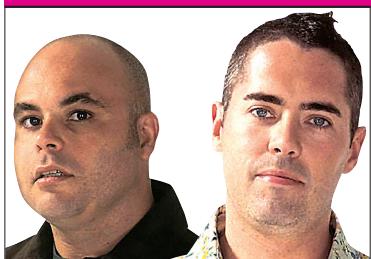
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All eyes on Globes

Metro picks favourites to win at year's first major awards

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

GoldenGlobes

This Sunday the 67th annual Golden Globe awards will invade televisions across North America. While the Oscars qualify as the most prestigious night of Hollywood back-slapping, the Golden Globes is the night that movie stars take home the trophies. Expect no exceptions this year when A-listers sweep up all the major categories to drunken applause from the equally famous audience. The following list represents the official Metro predictions for Golden Globe winners in 2010.

THE 67TH ANNUAL GOLDEN GLOBE AWARDS

airs live Sunday on CTV at 6 p.m. The Red Carpet Special begins at 5 p.m. For a blow-by-blow account of the show, visit metronews.ca/blogs

BEST PICTURE:

The Hurt Locker has swept the critics awards and has a shot at an Oscar, but expect Up In The Air to take the Best Picture prize in drama. Between a lead role for Hollywood royalty George Clooney, able direction from Juno's Jason Reitman, and gently comic social



Inglourious Basterds, left, has bagged a nomination in the best film (drama) category while Pixar's Up is a hopeful in the best animated film category at the 67th Golden Globe Awards which takes place Sunday.

commentary, a win is practically guaranteed. None of the nominees in the musical/comedy are particularly stellar, so the trophy will probably go to the raunchy The Hangover.

BEST ACTOR:

Jeff Bridges has been one of the most underrated actors in Hollywood for decades and this will probably be the year that he gets a collection of statuettes for his impressive work in Crazy Heart. Expect Matt Damon to take home well-deserved

top honours in the comedy category for The Informant!

BEST ACTRESS:

Sandra Bullock set a record at the box office this year for bringing in more cash than any other actress. For that reason alone she will inevitably score a Golden Globe for The Blind Side. It certainly doesn't hurt that her stiffest competition comes from Meryl Streep's memorable turn in Julia And Julia, which has been relegated to the comedy category. Streep is locked in to win that prize before becoming the Best Actress favourite at every

other ceremony in 2010.

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR:

Christoph Waltz should have been given this award when Inglourious Basterds was released in August. No one else comes close in his category and no other actor in any category more richly deserves an award this year.

ACTRESS:

Comedienne Mo'Nique has been an awards favourite ever since her incredibly personal performance in Precious debuted at TIFF. Mo'Nique will give her first of many tear-filled acceptance speeches in 2010 this Sunday before releasing whatever unfortunate low-brow comedy she has lined up next.

BEST DIRECTOR:

This fall everyone wanted to beat up on James Cameron for being overindulgent during the production of Avatar. Now that it's on track to become the highest grossing film of all time, the director will be rewarded. Let's just hope that he doesn't declare himself the "king of the world" again come Oscar time.

James Cameron
is the director
to beat at the
Golden Globes.



Eli a hell you can believe in

The Book of Eli

Director: The Hughes Brothers

Stars: Denzel Washington

Classification: STC

Rating:

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada



Denzel Washington and Mila Kunis star in The Book of Eli.

REVIEW With Hollywood currently saturating cinemas with post-apocalyptic drama, The Book of Eli's own tagline may be better suited to a wishful maxim for its investors: Believe in Hope.

After all, the movie's familiar theme may numb viewers who've seen enough Armageddon from recent films like The Road, 2012 and 9 (not to be confused with Nine).

But there's still much to like about the long-awaited return of the Hughes Brothers.

In hiding since 2001's From Hell, the filmmaking siblings rebound in style by bringing Hell to Earth — quite literally.

America has been churned to rubble following a devastating war. Designed to "stay on the path," a drifter named Eli (Denzel Washington) protects a sacred Bible from thieves and killers as he wanders westward following his destiny.

In the classic mould of a western icon, Eli possesses fighting skills that would rival any Clint Eastwood character, especially when he meets his rival — a Mussolini-admiring warlord (Gary Oldman) who also desires that one remaining book.

It's a tricky role, playing a sanctified sinner, so luckily Washington gives it life even while surrounded by supporting parts that seem fashionably cookie-cutter.

Still, the film is stronger when it plays the thinking man's action flick rather than playing to pious overtones of spirituality.

With enough slick choreography, desaturated cinematography and a reliably compelling star, The Book of Eli may just make a believer out of audiences yet.

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Brood heads to Sundance

Juno Nominees Elliott Brood's music is headed to the Sundance Film Festival. The Polaris shortlisters have made their first soundtrack effort for Canadian film *Grown Up Movie Star*, which is set to debut at the festival. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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***** A CLASSIC; ***** EXCELLENT; **** GOOD; *** FAIR; ** POOR

Movie adaptation is too faithful

The Lovely Bones

Director: Peter Jackson
Stars: Saoirse Ronan, Mark Wahlberg
Classification: STC
Rating: ***½

NED EHBAR
 for Metro Canada

Adapting a novel into a two-hour film is tricky business. Filmmakers can create calamity just as much by staying to true to the source material as they can with sweeping diversions from the book. The problem with Peter Jackson's *The Lovely Bones*, based on Alice Sebold's bestselling novel, is that it's too faithful.

The core story of the film — 14-year-old Susie Salmon watches from beyond the grave as her family copes with her murder — works just fine, and the three actors at the heart of

it (Saoirse Ronan as Susie, Mark Wahlberg as her father and Stanley Tucci as her murderer) turn in outstanding performances, with Wahlberg possibly the best he's been.

It's a shame the rest of the cast doesn't have as much to do.

Rachel Weisz's suburban mother has so little to say or do that it's hard to care when she buckles from grief and abandons her family. Susan Sarandon, as Susie's chain-smoking, gin-soaked grandmother, seems flown in from another film entirely. Her whirlwind "eccentric" granny takes care of the kids' montage feels more in keeping with *Running with Scissors*.

And poor Michael Imperioli's detective has little more to do than give meaningful looks hinting at a much more fleshed-out subplot in the novel.

But the core holds to-



Saoirse Ronan stars in Peter Jackson's adaptation of the novel *The Lovely Bones*.

gether, with Susie learning to let go in a CGI-rich landscape somewhere between life and death.

Jackson paints some wonderfully surreal images as Susie comes to terms with her demise. A bit

more of that, and a few less characters, and *The Lovely Bones* could have been much lovelier.

• For a trailer of *The Lovely Bones*, photos and screen times, visit [metronews.ca/movies](#).

TuTuMuch an odd preteen study

TuTuMuch

Director: Elise Swerhone
Classification: STC
Rating: ***½

PHIL BROWN
 for Metro Canada

REVIEW *TuTuMuch* is a very simple and sweet documentary about nine young girls spending their summer auditioning for a spot at the Royal Winnipeg Ballet School.

The movie is the third consecutive documentary about young girls studying ballet from director Elise Swerhone.

It's an odd subject to focus a career on, but Swerhone clearly has a passion for the material and an ability to get her subjects to candidly open up on camera.

With no clear central character the film can feel a little unfocused at times, but it does create an effective study of the subject matter, even if it's hard to say how wide the appeal will be.

The film opens with nine young girls from around the world coming to a prestigious ballet school for a grueling summer-long audition process. Stern teachers talk about

how painful their training must be while criticizing girls young enough to have braces that their necks just aren't long enough to ever be dancers.

It's a very strange world to drop into for those unfamiliar with it. The girls on-screen appear to love the experience, but from the outside it can seem a little unfairly strict and competitive for such young minds.

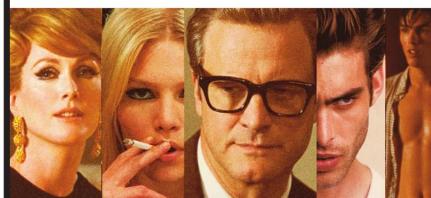
For audiences familiar with ballet or active within the dance community, this film should be fascinating. As an outsider looking in the movie is definitely interesting, but is a little too unfocused to be compelling.

Had the filmmakers focused on a specific story it might have provided a clear emotional journey, but with so many girls given the spotlight it can be hard to even keep track of who is who. Anyone thinking of sending their children to a similar institution should definitely watch *TuTuMuch*. As for everyone else, it simply depends on how much you love ballet and whether or not you can identify with preteen girls whose primary concern is whether they will dedicate the rest of their lives to dancing or horseback riding.

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Penelope Cruz stars in *Broken Embraces*.

Almodovar wows

Broken Embraces

Director: Pedro Almodovar
Stars: Penelope Cruz, Lluís Homar, Jose Luis Gomez
Classification: STC
Rating:

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

sends him into an emotional tailspin, another story is then woven in flashback, drawing the action back a decade earlier, a time when Mateo was a famous, almost Almodovar-esque director, worshipped by many, respected by all. Into his life comes a deranged millionaire (Jose Luis Gomez) and his gorgeous young wife Lena (Penelope Cruz), a meeting which sets forth a volatile chain events that references both the artifice of cinema and genuine human tragedy. To say any more would be to spoil the serpentine picture's delirious sting.

Almodovar is one of those filmmakers that, even when his output is lukewarm (1995's *The Flower of My Secret* immediately springs to mind) it's usually heads, shoulders and other extremities above most director's best

work but rest assured *Broken Embraces* is the maestro firing on all cylinders.

As far as Cruz goes, her mainstream critics tend to cite the mostly lackluster American films she ends up in (see *Sahara*, etc.), but to see her act in her native tongue, in her comfort zone, is always a treat and here, she's a revelation. As the conflicted, deceitful and hopelessly love (and lust) struck Lena, Cruz owns every frame she graces, delivering a layered, textured and unabashedly sensual performance that ranks as one of the years best.

Part hard boiled mystery, part arch melodrama, part erotic thriller, *Broken Embraces* is another Almodovar masterpiece, a colorful, emotional amalgam of the fluid, heart pumping Hollywood classics he so adores.

Love letter to forgotten icon

Yoo-Hoo Mrs. Goldberg

Director: Aviva Kempner
Stars: Gertrude Berg, Ruth Badger Ginsburg, Norman Lear
Classification: STC
Rating:

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

pire. Unfortunately, you've probably never heard of her.

Given her massive fame and importance to the history of television, Gertrude Berg should be remembered as fondly as Lucille Ball and yet she has all but disappeared.

That's where the new documentary *Yoo-Hoo Mrs. Goldberg* comes in.

Director Aviva Kempner has made a career out of creating documentaries that shift the spotlight to underappreciated Jewish cultural icons (perhaps best known for the award-winning *The Life And Times Of Hank Greenberg*). *Yoo-Hoo Mrs. Goldberg* follows the loose structure of

her previous work, examining the life of Gertrude Berg through archival footage and interviews with living relatives and experts in the field.

Best known for the sitcom *The Goldbergs* about a lower class Jewish family sharing an apartment in New York, the writer/actress struggled her way to the top through hard work, was a figurehead for female independence, and fought the blacklist.

Yoo-Hoo Mrs. Goldberg is a charming and enlightening documentary that does a good job of showcasing Gertrude Berg's life, work, and influence.

REVIEW Gertrude Berg was the Oprah Winfrey of her time. The woman wrote, produced, and starred in one of the most popular radios shows of the '30s before taking it to television and essentially inventing the TV sitcom. She was one of the biggest stars in the world and created a media em-

Almost Alice to capture Wonderland magic

Buena Vista Records will release two albums capturing the wonder of Lewis Carroll's beloved books and visionary director Tim Burton. Almost Alice is a 16-song compilation featuring Alice In Wonderland's end credit track Alice (Underground). **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

***** A CLASSIC; **** EXCELLENT; *** GOOD; ** FAIR; * POOR

Firth brings dignity to Single Man

A Single Man

Director: Tom Ford
Stars: Colin Firth, Julianne Moore
Classification: STC
Rating: **★★**

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada

REVIEW As its double-entendre title suggests, Tom Ford's debut feature *A Single Man* focuses on an isolated figure: George Falconer, a semi-closeted university professor plying his trade in pre-Stonewall California.

Colin Firth's performance in the role has a credible dignity: we see that George is a man whose gift for sublimating his true feelings — namely, his crippling grief over the death of his younger lover (Matthew Goode) in an automobile accident — has made him a stranger in his own skin.

It's a compellingly understated performance in a film unfortunately more inclined towards grand gestures.

Fashion designer-turned-director Ford favors fussy framings and glossy cinematography, and while he hits upon a few striking ideas — i.e. deploying oversaturated colours to suggest intense physical sensations — the showy technique doesn't serve the material.

Funny Fraser takes serious turn

Movie feature

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Brendan Fraser is best known as a tongue-in-cheek leading man who adds a much needed dose of humor to blockbusters like *Journey To The Center Of The Earth* and the recent *Mummy* series.



Brendan Fraser gets serious with Harrison Ford in *Extraordinary Measures*, hitting theatres next Friday.

Extraordinary Measures hits theatres next Friday

It's a heart-warming story that has been turned into an equally touching film with Fraser at the center alongside Harrison Ford as a prickly scientist who teams up with Crowley to save his children.

For Fraser the movie presented an opportunity that he couldn't resist.

Not only was he was given a role that he could identify with ("As a father,

hero worship and saw him work, I admired him even more," said Fraser. "He learned as much about the science behind the film as possible so that he would never condescend to the audience. I heard that Harrison did a bank heist movie recently and was even adamant about knowing exactly how to rip off a bank. I don't want to know what sources he got for that one."

"Once I got past my

I know that feeling of paternal protection," claimed the actor.), but the film also allowed Fraser to work with Harrison Ford, whom he has always admired.

Like Harrison, I like to work," claimed Fraser. "Whether it's high brow or low brow, I always learn something from the movies and enjoy my career. It's a privilege to do this."

Confucius biopic vs. Avatar

CHINESE CINEMA Hong Kong megastar Chow Yun-fat said Thursday that he was confident a biopic about the ancient Chinese philosopher Confucius can take on the hugely popular computer-graphics-laden, 3-D Hollywood blockbuster *Avatar*.

The 54-year-old actor, best known for his iconic gangster roles in Hong Kong cinema, donned scholarly robes to play the ancient sage in the \$22 million US government-backed movie *Confucius*, which premieres in Beijing.

Chow said he expected *Confucius* to put up a good fight against James Cameron's science fiction fantasy *Avatar*, a global hit that raced to \$4.8 million on its first day in China and is expected to earn

more than 500 million yuan (\$73 million) at the Chinese box office.

"If the two films were shown at the same time, those who go to see *Avatar* will also go to see *Confucius*, and those who go to *Confucius* will also see *Avatar*," Chow said at a news conference in Beijing. "They are two different kinds of movies, but they are both about humanity," the *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* star said.

The movie, which opens to in China on Jan. 22, is part of a recent revival of Confucius, whom late Chinese leader Mao Zedong denounced because his emphasis on harmony and respect of social hierarchies conflicted with the Marxist ideology of progress through conflict.

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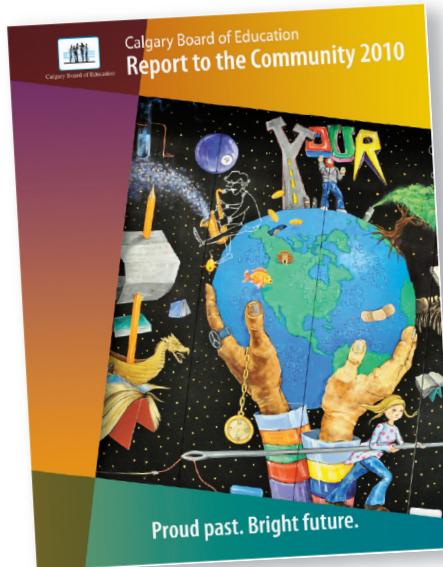
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A writer for Jolie film

In April, Fox 2000 bought the rights to Patricia Cornwell's Kay Scarpetta novels, with Angelina Jolie lined up to star. Now the planned film is moving ahead, with writer Kerry Williamson signing up to pen the script. [EMPIREONLINE.COM](#)

Reel Time

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In Knowing (2009), Nicolas Cage plays a professor trying to prevent an apocalypse on earth.

End-of-the-world visions

InFocus

Richard Crouse

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Whether it's Denzel Washington dining on a meal of hairless cat in this weekend's The Book of Eli or Knowing's Nicolas Cage screaming, "How can I stop the end of the world?" grisly images of post apocalyptic lifestyle have recently been dominating movie screens.

Perhaps it's the recession or the result of the anxious times we live in, but end-of-the-world stories are all the rage, but they are not new. Whether it's nuclear fallout, an unexpected ice

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age or a zombie holocaust that brings about the end, filmmakers have peddled post apocalyptic for years.

In 1959 Gregory Peck headlined a dystopian drama that set the date for the end of the world just after World War III in 1964. In On the Beach, nuclear war has destroyed all life on the planet save for a small enclave in Australia, but even they will succumb once the radiation clouds drift by.

"We're all doomed," says Julian Osborne (Fred Astaire). "Doomed by the air we're about to breathe."

As doomsday dramas go this one is particularly depressing — for example, people gobble up "suicide

pills" — but its Cold War commentary led one contemporary writer to label it "the most important film of our time."

Several years later the post-atomic war film Panic in Year Zero! opened with one of filmdom's great understatements.

While on a fishing trip Harry Baldwin (Ray Milland) and his family see a mushroom cloud over Los Angeles.

"We've had it; haven't we dad?" says son Rick (Frankie Avalon).

Well, not quite Rick, but the world as you know it is over. Made on a shoestring, Panic in Year Zero! is notable not for its special effects — there aren't any — but for its take on

the difficult decisions Miland's character must make to ensure his family's survival in a world where old principles of humanity are obsolete.

Finally, to end the end-of-the-world list, fans of post apocalyptic fantasy will find a payday in the form of Rock & Rule, an animated film featuring Deborah Harry and Lou Reed's voice work.

In it the world has been destroyed and "legendary super-rocker" Mok — whose record went "gold, platinum, and plutonium in one day" — tries to use a demonic code to rule what's left of the world.

With such a range of dystopian stories to mine it seems filmmakers could make post apocalyptic movies until the end of the world comes for real.

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METRO NEWS SERVICES



Cribs nab legendary axeman

Ex-Smiths guitarist Johnny Marr joins British indie act

CAM LINDSAY
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When a band is looking to add a new member, the search usually consists of an audition process or, on a less professional scale, just adding a loyal friend on rhythm guitar.
Wakefield, England's The Cribs somehow managed to add one of the greatest living guitarists to bump the trio up to a quartet.

In early 2008, Johnny Marr, the former guitarist/co-songwriter of seminal '80s indie band The Smiths, joined The Cribs after serving a tour of duty with the band Modest Mouse.

Maybe it's become normal for him over the last two years but the way drummer Ross Jarman explains it, the addition was

like any member really.

"Fundamentally it's still like the Cribs," he says with a laidback tinge to his Northern accent. "But it's exactly how you'd expect it — us with Johnny's distinctive playing in there. So we changed the dynamic but not radically."

Jarman fully admits that when he and his twin brothers Gary and Ryan first played with Marr they acknowledged it was indeed their hero standing before them. But it took no time for the four of them to become a solid unit.

"Maybe the first time we practiced, we thought, 'Aww f—, it's Johnny Marr, he's playing with us!'" Jarman admits. "But five minutes after writing the first song it all went out the window."

More songs eventually



Former The Smiths guitarist Johnny Marr joined The Cribs prior to the release of *Ignore The Ignorant*.

came and in only three weeks the band recorded its fourth album, *Ignore The Ignorant*. While the presence of Marr distinctly tidies up the band's slushy,

lo-fi sound (the title track has an undeniable Smiths tone), the groups' scrappy anthems and derisive nature still remain intact.

Jarman says despite

Marr's illustrious career, the guitarist wanted be one of the boys.

"I think Johnny just likes the real simplistic, DIY ethics of the band," he

says. "He doesn't want to change any of that, so we definitely don't feel like we have to step it up playing with him."

Embarking on the band's first North American tour as a four-piece, Jarman says the newest member is free to do as he likes on stage. "He listened to the old records, and there are parts that Ryan laid down that he can't play live, so Johnny's been weaving in and out of them," he says.

"We let Johnny come in and do what he thinks is right. There are all of these cool, new parts coming out of Johnny. We have total trust in what he plays."

The Barenaked Ladies carry on

Sound Check



Alan Cross

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Ed Robertson and Tyler Stewart are in a good mood — encouraging, given that the last couple of years haven't been easy: Robertson's plane crash, the death of Robertson's mom, and, of course, the departure of Steven Page last February. Not the best way to celebrate the band's 20th anniversary.

"It was a huge transition and a scary one to undertake," Robertson says, "but it's been so galvanizing and so liberating for the four of us."

How does a

band compensate for losing a co-founder, frontman and songwriter? "There are four guys left in the band who do a lot of things," adds Tyler Stewart. "The fact that we've been together for 20 years, we really know and support each other. The compensation is that we're way more into it than we've been in the last 10 years. We want to continue the legacy of Barenaked Ladies."

The new album — the band's 11th — called *All in Good Time* (due

March 30) is the first record after, as Tyler says, "an intense couple of years."

Robertson and Page wrote together for two decades, churning out a long string of hits, but that all came to an end last winter. Robertson is philosophical about that. "Change is good, especially in the creative process. You get in certain ruts. It's been nice for me to explore writing on my own. It was also a chance for Jim (Creighton) and Kevin (Hearn) to come to the table with

songs. We approached the new record as an adventure and it was a challenge that everyone rose to and everyone embraced."

The first single, *You Run Away*, started showing up on radio this week. And going against

type, it's not goofy at all. Instead, it's a very beautiful and poignant song. "A lot of the lyrics on this record are very close to the bone," Robertson explains. "I allowed myself to go there this time."

Next month, they're off to Miami to perform at a Super Bowl event. Then Robertson will run with the Olympic torch in Vancouver before the band plays four shows during the games. Much touring will follow, including a North American tour in the spring and summer and the U.K. in the fall.

"Yesterday, I saw our schedule for the next six months. It's 1997 all over again!" Ed says. "Hello, rock 'n' roll pace. I've missed you!"

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TV show doesn't shout 'I'm Spartacus!'

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NEW SERIES When the promotional trailer for the new series *Spartacus: Blood and Sand* was released during San Diego Comic Con, many viewers were surprised by the amount of, well, blood — and naked flesh.

Along with plenty of slow-motion spurting arteries, there are some

quick — and some not-so-quick — flashes of nearly ever inch of the cast, including Andy Whitfield (as the titular gladiator) and Xena: Warrior Princess and Battlestar Galactica vet Lucy Lawless.

"(The network) wanted to do something that's groundbreaking and boundary-pushing," explains series executive producer Rob Tapert, who put the show together along with fellow executive pro-

ducer Sam Raimi (himself no stranger to buckets of blood) and writer Stephen S. DeKnight, who cut his teeth writing for *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* and *Angel*.

While the name and the title character are familiar, Tapert insists this new venture is a vast departure from the 1960 Kirk Douglas classic. "We took very little from the original," he says. It premieres on The Movie Network and Movie Central Jan. 25.

The 27-year-old and the media queen taped their interview Wednesday at the Harpo Studios in Chicago. The show will air Tuesday. **PEOPLE.COM**

Adam Lambert, meet Oprah.

Four guys and a camera

IAN JOHNSTON
for Metro Canada



The Buried Life began not some much as a TV series idea, but a question between friends.

"We just wondered — what do we want to do before we die? And we just set out to do it," says Duncan Penn, who, along with brother Jonnie and friends Ben Nemtin and Dave Lingwood, serve as hosts and wish-fulfillers on *The Buried Life*.

"Having our own TV show was actually No. 53 on our list," says Penn.

Maybe it wasn't top priority, but the result is an MTV series best described as *The Bucket List* meets *Punk'd*. It's fun. It's delinquent, yet occasionally moving as well.

"What we never expected was how the question of what you want to do before you die would resonate with people," says Lingwood. "We had so many people help us, it



Hosts of MTV's *The Buried Life*, premiering Monday night.

seemed a natural that we'd try to help some of them."

The Buried Life follows the four Canadian college guys as they travel the countryside in a bus, fulfilling selfish dreams like attending a Playboy Mansion party, or asking Megan Fox out on a date.

But they also spend some of their time realizing the dreams of folks they meet on the road, like helping an underprivileged classroom get a new computer and hooking up a street artist with the son he hasn't seen in years.

"You think about that guy and his son. He'd been thinking about making that call for 17 years. And we helped make it hap-

pen," says Penn.

Still, *The Buried Life* ain't all touchy-feely. The boys' antics do occasionally run afoul of the law — such as when they attempt to tell a joke on late night television, or when they give a toast at a stranger's wedding.

"Some are easier than others to cross off. Some you struggle with. You just never know," says Penn.

The foursome has — to date — crossed about 70 different items off their wish list, though they're always coming up with more. One longtime goal, however, remains elusive.

"Going into space," says Lingwood. "But who knows?"

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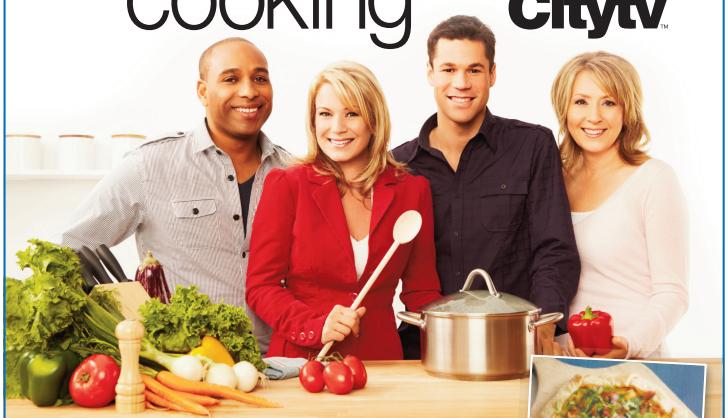
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Rustic Tomato Tart

PREP TIME: 10 MIN. ► TOTAL TIME: 44 MIN. ► MAKES: 6 SERVINGS

What You Need

- 1 ready-to-use refrigerated pie crust (1/2 of 425-g pkg.)
- 3 plum tomatoes (1 lb./450 g), seeded, sliced
- 1-1/2 cups Kraft Tex Mex Light Shredded Cheese
- 1/3 cup Miracle Whip Calorie-Wise Dressing
- 4 slices bacon
- 1 cup arugula

Make it

HEAT oven to 400°F

UNROLL pie crust on baking sheet. Arrange tomato slices in circular pattern on crust, overlapping slices as needed to fit and leaving 1-1/2-inch border at edge. Mix cheese and dressing; spread over tomatoes. Fold edge of crust over tomatoes.

BAKE 20 to 24 min. or until cheese is melted and crust is golden brown. Meanwhile, cook bacon until crisp.

COOL tart 10 min. Crumble bacon. Top tart with arugula and bacon.

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Entertainment

Have you got the Avatar blues?

James Cameron's completely immersive spectacle
Avatar may have been a little too real for some fans who say they have experienced depression and suicidal thoughts after seeing the film because they long to enjoy the beauty of the alien world Pandora.

On the fan forum site Avatar Forums, a topic thread entitled "Ways to cope with the depression of the dream of Pandora being intangible," has received

more than 1,000 posts from people experiencing depression and fans trying to help them cope.

"I wasn't depressed myself. In fact the movie made me happy," forum administrator Philippe Baghdassarian said. "But I can understand why it made people depressed. The movie was so beautiful and it showed something we don't have here on Earth."

"Ever since I went to see Avatar I have been de-

pressed. Watching the wonderful world of Pandora and all the Na'vi made me want to be one of them. I can't stop thinking about all the things that happened in the film and all of the tears and shivers I got from it," said a user named Mike wrote on the fan website Naviblue. "I even contemplate suicide thinking that if I do it I will be rebirthed in a world similar to Pandora and the everything is the same as in Avatar." **METRO WORLD NEWS/CNN**



After watching Avatar, some people have become depressed.

FRIDAY

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primetime	1/15/10		243 317 3 CFCN	etalk	Access H.	Human Target "Pilot" (N)	Ghost Whisperer (N)	Medium "Dear Dad ..."	CTV News		
	-	- 4 OMNI	King/Queens	The Simpsons	Omni News: S. Asian Edition	Entertainment The Insider (N)	Omni News: Cantonese Edition	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Friends	
	-	371 5 KXLY	4 News at 6	4 News at 6:30	Jeopardy! (N)	Rick Mercer Marketplace	Supernanny (N)	Shark Tank (N)	20/20 (N)		
	245 306 6 CBRT	Wheel Fortune	Entertainment	NUMB3RS (HDTV) (N)	Dollhouse (HDTV) (N)	CBC News: The fifth estate (N)	CBC News: The National	Shark Tank (N)	The Hour		
	244 338 7 CICT	ET Canada	Entertainment	The Jay Leno Show (N)	Supernanny (N)	Dollhouse (HDTV) (N)	Shark Tank (N)	News Hour			
	246 - 8 CKAL	Murdoch Mysteries		The Doctors (N)	Ghost Whisperer (N)	Man Tracker	Man Tracker	Your City			
	- 372 12 KREM	News	Access H.	Wash Week	McLaughlin	Medium "Dear Dad ..."	NUMB3RS				
	- 374 14 KSPS	PBS NewsHour (N)	Millionaire	Jeopardy! (N)	McLaughlin	Bill Moyers Journal (N)	NOW on PBS	Classical Dest.	Windors		
	- 370 16 KHQ	News (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel Fortune	Law & Order "Blackmail"	Dollhouse (HDTV) (N)	Dollhouse (HDTV) (N)	Windors			
	- 373 22 KAYU	The Office	Raymond	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Bones (HDTV)	CBC News: The National	CBC News: The National	Kids Took		
	502 390 15 CBC	CBC News: The National	How the Kids Took Over	CBC News: The National	Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)	Larry King Live	Larry King Live	CBC News: The National	Kids Took		
	500 500 29 CNN	Larry King Live (N)							CBC News: The National		
	501 391 52 CTV	CTV News Tonight	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	Larry King Live	Cooper 360	
	400 400 21 TSN	NHL Hockey	SportsCentre	That's Hockey!	SportsCentre	Off the Record	Boxing	Boxing	Boxing	Boxing	
	408 418 27 net	NHL Hockey Nashville Predators at Calgary Flames. (HDTV) (Live)				Sportsnet Con.	Sportsnet Connected (N)	Sportsnet Connected (N)	Sportsnet Connected (N)	Sportsnet Connected (N)	
	552 543 20 YTV	iCarly	To Be Indie	Lovewrecked (2006, Adventure) Amanda Bynes.			That's Weird Fries That? Prank Patrol				
	557 541 39 FAM	Zeke & Luther	Jonas	Sonny Chance Max Is Missing ** (1995, Adventure)			(10:05) Spymate (2003, Comedy)				
	601 561 25 FOOD	Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Diner, Drive-In Diner, Drive-In	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares	Dinner, Drive-In Unwrapped	Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	
	615 520 26 A&E	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	
	617 522 32 SHOW	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	Rebel Hunter	Lava Storm (2006, Suspense) Valérie Valois.	Lava Storm (2006, Suspense) Valérie Valois.	Kenny vs. Kenny vs. Kenny vs.				
	520 505 35 DISC	Man vs. Wild	Machines of Malice	Daytona Planet	Man vs. Wild	Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs	
	628 584 43 SPIKE	UFC Unleashed	Best of PRIDE Fighting	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	MANswers	MANswers	MANswers	MANswers	MANswers	
	522 516 45 HIST	Blow Down	Ancients Behaving Badly	Nostradamus Effect	Nostradamus Effect	The Rock *** (1996, Action) Ed Harris	The Rock *** (1996, Action) Ed Harris	The Rock *** (1996, Action) Ed Harris	The Rock *** (1996, Action) Ed Harris	The Rock *** (1996, Action) Ed Harris	
	- 47 AMC	(6) Volcano ** (1997, Action)		Escape From L.A. ** (1996, Action) Kurt Russell.		Bram Stoker's Dracula	Bram Stoker's Dracula	Bram Stoker's Dracula	Bram Stoker's Dracula	Bram Stoker's Dracula	
	581 566 102 MTV	Cribs	Cribs	Teen Mom	1 girl 5 days	After	Teen Cribs	Teen Cribs	Teen Cribs	Teen Cribs	

SATURDAY

CA	Vu	SC	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	1/16/10		243 317 3 CFCN	NFL Football: AFC Divisional Playoff – Ravens at Colts	Comedy Now	Comedy Now	Flashpoint	CTV News			
	-	- 4 OMNI	Omni News: Mandarin Edition	Chinese Rest. Trendy Zone	The Post-Modern Life of My Aunt (2006, Comedy-Drama)	The Post-Modern Life of My Aunt (2006, Comedy-Drama)	Most Amazing	Most Amazing			
	-	371 5 KXLY	4 News at 6	The Insider (N)	Entertainment Tonight	Grey's Anatomy "Blink"	Private Practice (HDTV)	Castle	Castle	Castle	Castle
	245 306 6 CBRT	NHL Hockey	NHL Hockey Pittsburgh Penguins at Vancouver Canucks. (HDTV) (Live)				HNC: After Hours				
	244 338 7 CICT	renegadepress	Jane Show	Gospel of Deceit (2006, Suspense) Alexandra Paul.	The Guard "At Sea"	News Final (N)					
	246 - 8 CKAL	Most Amazing	Role	Glen Martin Out There	Where the Truth Lies ** (2005, Drama) (DVS)	The City Show					
	- 372 12 KREM	NFL Football: AFC Divisional Playoff – Ravens at Colts	Time Goes By	Access Hollywood (N)	Access Hollywood (N)	Paid Program NW Backroads	Paid Program				
	- 374 14 KSPS	The Lawrence Welk Show (N)	May-December	Time Goes By	9:05) Jezabel *** (1938, Drama) Bebe Davis.	9:05) Jezabel *** (1938, Drama) Bebe Davis.	Dark Victory	Dark Victory			
	- 370 16 KHO	College Basketball Gonzaga at San Diego. (Live)			Mercy (HDTV)	Law & Order (HDTV)	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	
	- 373 22 KAYU	House "The Jerk"	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Cops	Cops (N)	America's Most Wanted	America's Most Wanted	America's Most Wanted	America's Most Wanted	
	502 390 15 CBC	National	Mansbridge	Nazi King	National	National News: At Issue	National Mansbridge	Nazi King	Nazi King	Nazi King	
	500 500 29 CNN	Larry King Live	Newroom	Campbell Brown	Campbell Brown	Campbell Brown	Larry King Live	Larry King Live	Larry King Live	Larry King Live	
	501 391 52 CTV	CTV News Weekend	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	
	400 400 21 TSN	(6) Curling Casino Rama Skins Game, Second Semifinal.			SportsCentre	Hockey NFL PrimeTime Wtr. X-Games	Hockey NFL PrimeTime Wtr. X-Games	Hockey NFL PrimeTime Wtr. X-Games	Hockey NFL PrimeTime Wtr. X-Games	Hockey NFL PrimeTime Wtr. X-Games	
	408 418 27 net	Soccer Teams TBA			Best Damn Top 50 Special	Saturday Night Poker	Saturday Night Poker	Saturday Night Poker	Saturday Night Poker	Saturday Night Poker	
	552 543 20 YTV	Kid vs. Kat	League-Evil	Zeke's Pad (N)	Prank Patrol	Amer. Funniest Home Videos	That's Weird Prank Patrol				
	557 541 39 FAM	(7:01) Jonas	OVERRIDDEN!	Suite/Deck Zoey 101	Suite/Deck Zoey 101	Suite Life Han. Montana	That's Weird Prank Patrol				
	601 561 25 FOOD	Chopped	Top Chef Masters	The F Word	Hugh's Chicken Run	Chopped	Hugh's Chicken Run	Hugh's Chicken Run	Hugh's Chicken Run	Hugh's Chicken Run	
	615 520 26 A&E	CSI: Miami "Head Case"	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	
	617 522 32 SHOW	Howie Do It About a Girl	Slings and Arrows	The One That Got Away (2008, Drama) Kelli Williams.	The One That Got Away (2008, Drama) Kelli Williams.	Fantastic Four	Fantastic Four	Fantastic Four	Fantastic Four	Fantastic Four	
	520 505 35 DISC	Dirty Jobs	Vermotors Rat Infestation. (N)	Criss Angel	Criss Angel	Dirty Jobs	Destroyed	Destroyed	Destroyed	Destroyed	
	628 584 43 SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgn.	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgn.	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgn.	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgn.	The Outlaw Josey Wales (1976, Western)	The Outlaw Josey Wales (1976, Western)	The Outlaw Josey Wales (1976, Western)	The Outlaw Josey Wales (1976, Western)	The Outlaw Josey Wales (1976, Western)	
	522 516 45 HIST	Ancients Behaving Badly	Nostradamus Effect	Cities of the Underworld	Cities of the Underworld	Michael Clayton *** (2007, Drama)	Michael Clayton *** (2007, Drama)	Michael Clayton *** (2007, Drama)	Michael Clayton *** (2007, Drama)	Michael Clayton *** (2007, Drama)	
	- 47 AMC	(6) Raising Cain (1992)	Pitch Black ** (2000, Science Fiction) Radha Mitchell, Vin Diesel.			Magic *** (1978, Horror)	Magic *** (1978, Horror)	Magic *** (1978, Horror)	Magic *** (1978, Horror)	Magic *** (1978, Horror)	
	581 566 102 MTV	Over the Bolts	Over the Bolts	MTV Live	Movie Night	After	1 girl 5 days	Over the Bolts	Peak Season	Peak Season	

SUNDAY

CA	Vu	SC	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	1/17/10		243 317 3 CFCN	(6) The 67th Annual Golden Globe Awards	Flashpoint	Desperate Housewives	Desperate Housewives	Desperate Housewives	Desperate Housewives	Desperate Housewives	Desperate Housewives
	-	- 4 OMNI	Without a Trace	Aaram (N)	Chardi Kalaa	Bollywood Boulevard	Hockey-Czech Danforth				
	-	371 5 KXLY	News	Cougar Basket	Amer. Funniest Home Videos	Extreme Makeover: Home	Desperate Housewives				
	245 306 6 CBRT	Heartland (N) (DVS)	Figure Skating	Brothers & Sisters (N)	24 Negotiating international security. (N)	CBC News: The National	The Great War				
	244 338 7 CICT	16:9 Picture	Family	Brothers & Sisters (N)	24 Negotiating international security. (N)	Survivorman (DVS)	Most Amazing				
	246 - 8 CKAL	Murdoch Mysteries	Chuck (HDTV) (N)	Extreme Makeover: Home	Survivorman (DVS)	Cold Case (HDTV) (N)	NCIS	NCIS	NCIS	NCIS	NCIS
	- 372 12 KREM	KREM 2 News at 6 (N)	To Be Announced	Golden Globe-Wrap Party	Golden Globe-Wrap Party	Mark Few	Wheel-Fortune CSY: NY				
	- 374 14 KSPS	Rise to Candleford	Nature (HDTV) (N) (DVS)	Human Target "Pilot" (N)	24 Negotiating international security. (N)	24 Negotiating international security. (N)	Destination MI-5				
	- 370 16 KHO	(6) The 67th Annual Golden Globe Awards	24 (HDTV PA)								
	- 373 22 KAYU	House "Alone"									
	502 390 15 CBC	CBC News: The National	Erasing David (2009, Documentary)	Mansbridge							
	500 500 29 CNN	Larry King Live	Newroom	State of the Union							
	501 391 52 CTV	CTV News Weekend	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	
	400 400 21 TSN	(6) Tennis Australian Open, First Round. (HDTV) From Melbourne, Australia. (Live)									
	408 418 27 net	NHL Hockey: Flames at Ducks	Sportsnet Con.	Alpine Skiing	Sportsnet Connected (N)	Sportsnet Connected (N)	Flames, Hour				
	552 543 20 YTV	Garfield: A Tail of Two Kitties ** (2006, Comedy)	Prank Patrol	Family Biz	Fries That? Fries That? Survive This	Fries That? Fries That? Survive This					
	557 541 39 FAM	(7:01) Jonas	OVERRIDDEN!	Suite/Deck Zoey 101	Suite Life Han. Montana	Angus *** (1995, Drama) Kathy Bates					
	601 561 25 FOOD	Iron Chef America	Dinner: Impossible	Restaurant Makeover	Jamie's Ministry of Food	Iron Chef Am.					
	615 520 26 A&E	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Jacksons: A Family Dynasty	Jacksons: A Family Dynasty	Jacksons: A Family Dynasty	Jamie's Ministry of Food	Criminal Minds				
	617 522 32 SHOW	Talladega Nights Kink in Hair	Crash & Burn	Tell Me No Lies (2007, Suspense) Kelly Reutherford.	Tell Me No Lies (2007, Suspense) Kelly Reutherford.	Tell Me No Lies (2007, Suspense) Kelly Reutherford.	NCIS	NCIS	NCIS	NCIS	NCIS
	520 505 35 DISC	Dirty Jobs	MyBusters "Crash and Burn"	Anthony Bourdain	Dirty Jobs "Tofu Maker"	Dirty Jobs "Tofu Maker"	Dirty Jobs				
	628 584 43 SPIKE	Ultimate Fighting Champ.	Disorderly Conduct: Video	The Lost Boys *** (1987, Horror) Jason Patric.	The Lost Boys *** (1987, Horror) Jason Patric.	The Lost Boys *** (1987, Horror) Jason Patric.	The Lost Boys				
	522 516 45 HIST	Ice Pilots NWT (HDTV)	Ancient Discoveries	Underworld Histories	We Own the Night (2007, Crime Drama)	We Own the Night (2007, Crime Drama)	We Own the Night (2007, Crime Drama)	We Own the Night (2007, Crime Drama)	We Own the Night (2007, Crime Drama)	We Own the Night (2007, Crime Drama)	We Own the Night (2007, Crime Drama)
	- 47 AMC	(6) It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World *** (1963, Comedy)	The King and I *** (1956, Musical) Deborah Kerr.	The King and I *** (1956, Musical) Deborah Kerr.	The King and I *** (1956, Musical) Deborah Kerr.	The King and I *** (1956, Musical) Deborah Kerr.					
	581 566 102 MTV	Peak Season	Peak Season	Peak Season	Peak Season	Peak Season	Peak Season	Peak Season	Peak Season	Peak Season	Peak Season

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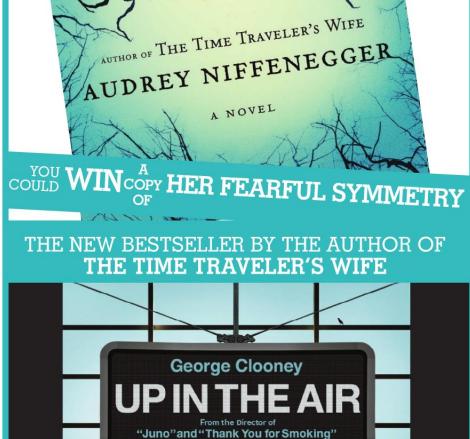



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Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1

Cairo Time

DVD One of the best Canadian films of 2009 presents a double whammy — the acting prowess of veteran star Patricia Clarkson and the sultry visuals of director Ruba Nadda. Throw in the exotic locales of Egypt and a mature, cross-cultural romance and you've got a date movie for grown ups.



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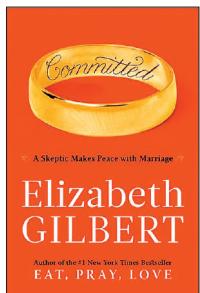
Conan O'Brien vs. Jay Leno

TV It's probably too early to say but this one's got to be the biggest TV battle of the year. NBC's cancelling Leno's prime-time show to send him back to his old pre-midnight slot, currently held by O'Brien. Both hosts have taken potshots at their employer but now they are turning on each other on camera. This well may be the career boost both of them needed.

3

Committed by Elizabeth Gilbert

BOOK The American writer's previous book Eat, Pray, Love explored the author's spiritual search in the wake of a broken relationship. The memoir went on to become a massive seller. Gilbert turns her skepticism on its head in her latest work, which tries to find out what makes marriages tick.



4

Tuper Tario Tros

GAME Tetris meets Super Mario Bros. in this surprisingly entertaining online game. Here's how it works: You start out in a regular Mario game replete with magic mushrooms and evil snails. But, you also have the option of crossing over to Tetris mid-game where your block-rocking prowess will determine what kind of obstacles the Italian plumber will have to tackle to make it to Princess Peach.

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Contra: Vampire Weekend

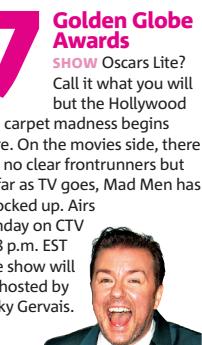
ALBUM Love 'em or hate 'em, you can't ignore these Ivy League lads. The four-piece band rocked the indie world, and then some more, with their self-titled debut album. Now they are back with a second helping of their signature Afropop-New Wave-tinged rock. The Billboard No. 1 spot seems well within reach.



6

The White Ribbon

FILM If the awards season puts you in the mood for some serious cinema, give this German film a shot. Winner of the top prize at Cannes last year, Michael Haneke's latest work chronicles the strange occurrences inside an otherwise sleepy German village just before the First World War. In limited release but should be at a theatre near you soon enough.



7

Golden Globe Awards

SHOW Oscars Lite? Call it what you will but the Hollywood red carpet madness begins here. On the movies side, there are no clear frontrunners but as far as TV goes, Mad Men has it locked up. Airs Sunday on CTV at 8 p.m. EST The show will be hosted by Ricky Gervais.



Legally Blonde wins over London

OMG: Legally Blonde: The Musical has warmed the hearts of London's crusty theatre critics.

The stage show, based on the 2001 film starring Reese Witherspoon, tells the story of Elle Woods, a bubbly blond from Los Angeles who discovers her inner strength at Harvard Law School. The show earned a lukewarm reception on Broadway, where it ran for a year and a half before closing in October 2008.

Blonde opened Wednesday at London's Savoy Theatre after a month of previews that saw large, enthusiastic and female-dominated audiences embracing its brand of frivolous fun.

Despite themselves, British critics were largely won over, too.

"I tried, I really tried to hate this show, but resistance is futile," wrote Charles Spencer in Thursday's Daily Telegraph, praising the show as "light, fast, fun and frothy."

"The stage show has its tongue in its cheek throughout, it knows it is ridiculous and infantile, and celebrates the fact with



Actress Sheridan Smith in the role of Elle Woods at the launch of the Broadway smash hit Legally Blonde The Musical in London.

knowing wit," he said.

The Independent's Paul Taylor declared the musical "ridiculously enjoyable from start to finish," and a big improvement on the movie. He said the lyrics by Heather Hach were "unflaggingly funny" and the score by Laurence O'Keefe and Nell Benjamin full of "brassiness, bite, joie de vivre, sheer cheek, and even the odd strain of sadness."

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When: Friday
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When: Saturday
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When: Saturday
Where: Pengrowth Saddledome
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Southern Exposure – fundraiser for Globalfest

When: Saturday
Where: Palomino

A fundraiser for the upcoming Globalfilm fest to expose Calgary to the rest of the world.

Tiedan Yao – Piano Masterworks

When: Sunday
Where: First Baptist Church
A benefit recital by Tiedan Yao that is out of the ordinary.

Entertainment in brief

LEGAL An actor from the popular TV drama One Tree Hill will spend three months in prison for dealing in stolen Social Security numbers. A Brooklyn judge ordered Antwon Tanner on Wednesday to report to prison April 30. He'll serve five months in home detention af-

ter he's released. Tanner is known for his TV role as a high school basketball star-turned-coach. He also appeared with Samuel Jackson in the 2005 movie Coach Carter. He admitted selling more than a dozen Social Security numbers for \$10,000. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Spencer, Heidi's scaring the neighbours again

When Heidi Montag walked into her house Wednesday with her face concealed, police were summoned with a report of a possible kidnapping. But the misunderstanding was all cleared up. **PEOPLE.COM**

**movies&entertainment 29****Celebrity Buzz****Brangelina to the rescue****IT'S PRETTY COOL, ACTUALLY**

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie have made good on their promise to reach out to victims of the massive earthquake that struck Haiti on Tuesday, usmagazine.com reports.

The couple donated \$1 million US to the Doctors Without Borders for the organization's emer-

gency medical operations in Haiti, the website has confirmed.

"It is incredibly horrible to see a catastrophe of this size hit a people who have been suffering

from extreme poverty, violence and unrest for so many decades," Jolie, who has served as a Goodwill Ambassador for the United Nations since 2001, said in a statement.

Pitt — who, along with Jolie, has been a longtime supporter of Doctors Without Borders — added, "We understand the first response is critical to serve the immediate needs of countless people who are now displaced from their homes, are suffering trauma, and most require urgent care."

METRO NEWS SERVICES

**Lindsay Lohan sex tape?****HOW TO FLOG A FAILING HOLLYWOOD CAREER 101**

A sex tape allegedly starring Lindsay Lohan is reportedly about to be made public, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress, who recently

filmed a documentary about child trafficking in India, is said to be the star of a 47-second clip, which could be about to appear on the internet.

A source told the Daily Mirror newspaper, "The video film is dynamite. It is pretty seedy and shows Lindsay engaged in a particular sex act, which, obviously, should remain behind closed doors."

"Lindsay was desperate to start 2010 off on a good footing and this is the



very last thing she needs.

"If and when it is released on the internet, via a spurious, unofficial website, there is absolutely nothing she or her lawyers can do about it."

Hustler is said to be offering more than \$200,000 US for the video, which was filmed by a waiter from a chain restaurant.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

And Depp made a statue in his own image**OH, TO BE THAT SCULPTOR**

Johnny Depp is currently being treated like a king on a trip to Serbia, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The Hollywood heart-throb is over in the Eastern European country to help open the Kus-

dorf International Film and Music Festival in the city of Drvengrad.

Earlier in the week he was given a warm welcome by the nation and met Serbia's president Boris Tadic in the capital Belgrade on Tuesday. He was then taken to Drvengrad where officials

unveiled a statue of the star in recognition of his contribution to the movie industry.

The festival was launched by Serbian director Emir Kusturica, for whom Depp is set to take the role of Mexican revolutionary Pancho Villa. The movie, given the snappy title of Seven Friends of Pancho Villa and the Woman with Six Fingers, is rumoured to be coming out in 2012. **METRO WORLD NEWS**

No 'Brand' new babies yet**BABY BUMP ALERT TAKEN DOWN TO 'YELLOW'**

Despite the rumours circulating online, Katy Perry is not pregnant, usmagazine.com reports. The star's rep says reports claiming Perry, who got engaged to Russell Brand on New Year's Eve in India, was getting a sonogram and showing off a baby bump were "not true."

Plus, the

singer, 25, took to her Twitter account to say that she was on "my period" Wednesday evening. "Better luck next month peepz," she posted.

Still, Perry didn't do much to squash pregnancy rumours this past Sunday, when she and her fiancée scoped out booties at a baby boutique in North London.

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goes after Heidi Montag, **JEREMY**

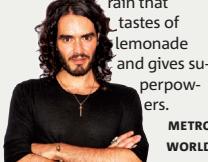
PIVEN will not be lining up to see The Tooth Fairy, **LADY GAGA** doesn't abide scalpers, and **RUSSELL BRAND** is hoping for better weather.

@emmyrossum It upsets me to see young women in the spotlight advocating plastic surgery. ANY surgery is extremely dangerous & should not be taken lightly, much less, used as a tool to increase notoriety or popularity.

@jeremypiven sooo it's Dwayne "The Rock" Johnston wearing a tutu AND playing hockey. BOOM! Everybody wins"....and cue the apocalypse.

@ladygaga pretty genius, big huge man banging on the car window outside the arena, trying to sell me scalped tickets to my own show. yoouuu skalliwag

@rustyrockets Raining in Latin this is not the deal. London has snow. SNOW! This better be Hollywood rain that tastes of lemonade and gives superpowers.



METRO WORLD NEWS

Single parents alone together**PUTTING 'DYNAMIC' IN FAMILY DYNAMICS**

Brooke Mueller moved back into her Los Angeles home this week, but because she was coming, Charlie Sheen

had to vacate the property, according to Radar Online.

The pair still

have to abide by a restraining order stemming from their Christmas morning scuffle in Aspen, Colo.

Their lawyers have reportedly asked a judge to lift the restraining order so that the couple can attempt to salvage their marriage, but the district attorney's office in Aspen filed a motion blocking its dismissal.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Why must hindsight be so clear?**NOW YOU'LL KNOW FOR NEXT TIME**

Looking back on her rocky relationship with Chris Brown, Rihanna admits that all the warning signs were there. "There were control issues, insecurity.

"When people are insecure they become very controlling and they

can get very aggressive and in turn abusive," the singer tells W magazine.

"It doesn't have to be physical."

METRO WORLD NEWS

**'Look, I don't mean to be rude ...'****UM, YES YOU DID — IT'S PART OF THE JOB**

The search is on for Simon Cowell's replacement on American Idol, and according to TMZ, the current front-runner is equally testy British singer Elton John.

It would be

familiar territory, as John was a guest judge on the third season of the talent competition series.

When reached for comment, John's rep would only say, "He's on holiday."

METRO WORLD NEWS

**Jerry said no****NOW STOP BUGGING HIM**

When Jerry Seinfeld agreed to serve as executive producer for his new series, the Marriage Ref, NBC was hoping he'd go a step further and host the show as well. But that won't be happening, according to Page Six.

"NBC is desperate for a hit," a source says. "They went back and forth with him for months, but he wouldn't budge."

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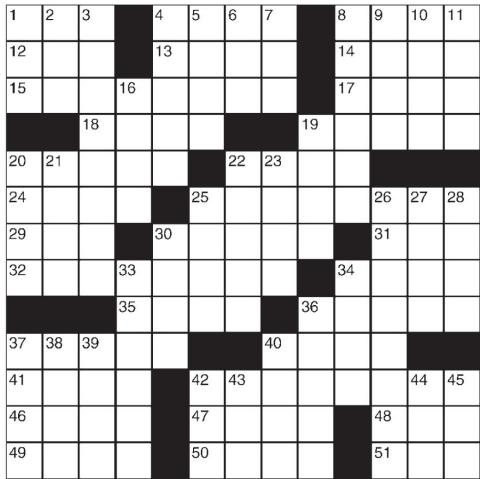


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- 4 Light applications
- 8 Campus area
- 12 John's Yoko
- 13 Birthright
- 15 Barterer
- 18 Language of Pakistan
- 19 Like — (very rapidly)
- 20 Hollywood clasher
- 21 Unable to hear
- 22 Not just plump
- 23 Work in a refinery
- 24 Mani-pedi prop
- 25 Tortoise's challenger
- 26 Deuce, maybe
- 27 Past
- 28 Layered rock
- 29 Ultramodernist
- 30 Youthful indiscretions
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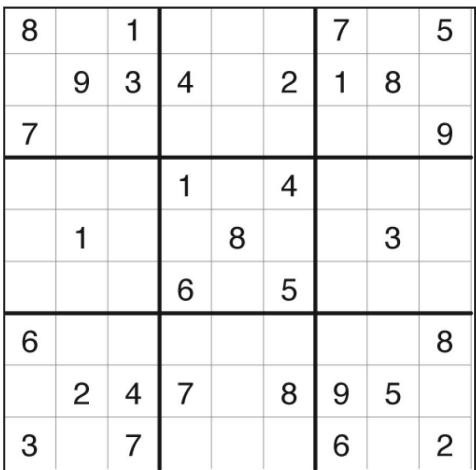
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- 1 Tier
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- 3 Nonsense
- 4 Trim a roast
- 5 "Yeah, right!"
- 6 Prohibit
- 7 Take to court
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- 9 Incite
- 10 Commotions
- 11 Bernhardt contemporary
- 12 Vacillate
- 13 Hostel
- 14 Appomattox surrenderer
- 15 Allow

Sudoku

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ARIES MARCH 21-APRIL 20



This is a great day to make major decisions about what you do for a living. With a solar eclipse in the career area of your chart your decisions are sure to be good ones.

LIBRA SEPT 23-OCT 22



You cannot be pushed into doing something against your will but you can be persuaded if the proposal is good enough.

TAURUS APRIL 21-MAY 20



The answer to a problem that has been teasing you from the edge of your subconscious for weeks, maybe even months, will pop into your head today.

SCORPIO OCT 24-NOV 22



You are well aware that you cannot solve a problem by running away from it, and that fact alone puts you at an advantage over your rivals.

GEMINI MAY 22-JUNE 21



The best way to deal with money worries is to pretend they do not exist. However, others may say you are fooling no one.

SAGITTARIUS NOV 23-DEC 21



You are a lot richer than you imagine and with some outstanding cosmic activity in the money area of your chart you won't be out of pocket for long.

CANCER JUNE 22-JULY 22



Go out of your way to stay on good terms with everyone you meet today because the more friends you make now the more success you will enjoy.

CAPRICORN DEC 22-JAN 20



Mercury, planet of the mind, appears to have come to a stop in your sign, a cosmic illusion, of course, but an important one.

LEO JULY 23-AUG 22



You will rediscover your enthusiasm for something that you seemed to lose interest in during the closing weeks of last year.

AQUARIUS JAN 21-FEB 18



Anyone who expects you to stand there like a fool and just take what they are saying about you obviously does not know you too well.

VIRGO AUG 24-SEP 22



You may not be much of a believer in miracles but the planets indicate that something out of the ordinary is going to occur today.

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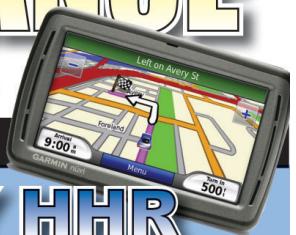
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